

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP
Wolfgang Knapp et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2811
Application No.: 10/535,622)	Examiner: Nitin Parekh
Filed: March 31, 2006)	Confirmation No.: 7525
For: POWER SEMICONDUCTOR)	
MODULE)	

**RESPONSE TO
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated May 6, 2009, the Examiner has indicated that an election of one of the following groups of species is required:

Species I: Figure 1;

Species II: Figure 2.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect Species II, with traverse.

According to the Examiner's groupings, claims 1-8 and 11-13 are generic to the two Species identified. In addition, claims 9-10 read on the elected Species II. As such, all of claims 1-13 read on Species II and should be examined.

The election of species requirement is traversed, as it will not reduce the workload of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or simplify prosecution of the application. As set forth in MPEP §803, there are two criteria for a proper restriction and/or election of species requirement between patentably distinct inventions: (1) the

inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and (2) there must be a **serious burden** on the Examiner if restriction is not required. This portion of the MPEP requires that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner **must** examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the election of species requirement.

Early examination and favorable action on the claims are respectfully requested.

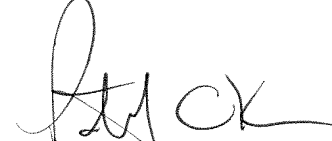
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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